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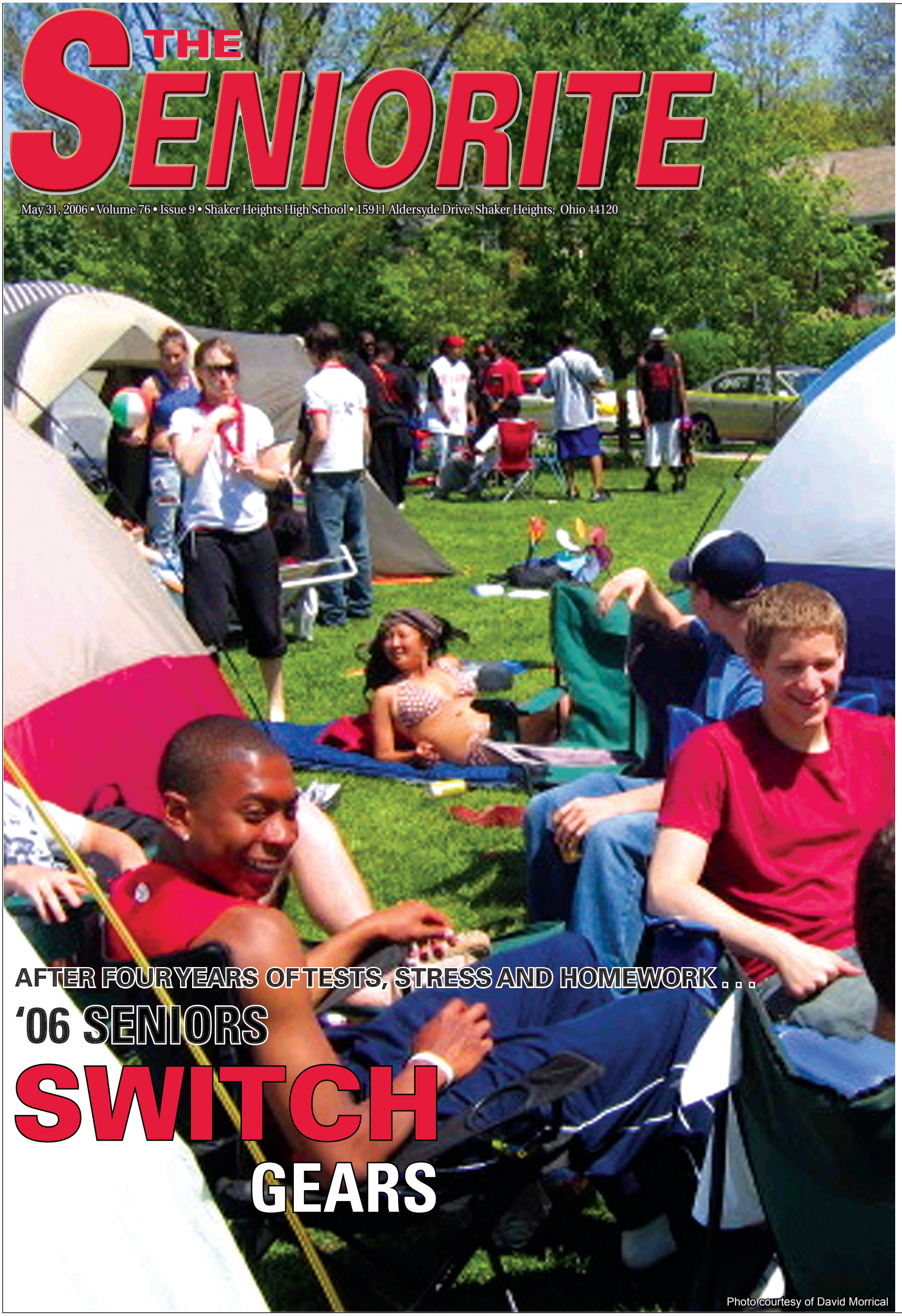

AFTER FOUR YEARS OF TESTS, STRESS AND HOMEWORK . . .

'06 SENIORS SWITCH GEARS

Photo courtesy of David Morrical

THE CLASS OF 2006 . . .

HAS **378** STUDENTS

ATTENDED **720** DAYS OF SCHOOL SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR

VISITED THE NURSE **711** TIMES THIS YEAR

MADE UP **16** PERCENT OF THE STUDENT VISITS TO THE NURSE THIS YEAR

IS **46** PERCENT FEMALE

HAD A **2.98** AVERAGE GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Data courtesy of Janell Chelune, Paula Dworkin and Dale Whittington.

Shaker Nation

• Shaker seniors are heading to all corners of the country next year to pursue higher education and other activities. The Seniorite asked all seniors to submit their plans; of the 378 students in the class of 2006, 235 responded that they wanted their plans published. In addition, a few seniors were chosen for short profiles. Good luck, class of 2006!

Alabama Bound

Franks, Joia – Alabama State University
Grair, Spurgeon – Miles College
Williams, Ashley – Jacksonville State University

Total 3

Arizona Bound

Thrope, Michael – Northern Arizona University

Total 1

California Bound

Bardenstein, Ian – Stanford University
Lewis, Dinah – Stanford University
Sutorius, Kevin – University of Redlands

Total 3

Connecticut Bound

Kohn, David – Yale University
O'Gorman, Katharine – Trinity College
Wang, Diana – Yale University

Total 3

D.C. Bound

Heeger, Jordan – The George Washington University
Trimble, Julius – Howard University
Underwood, Scott – The George Washington University
Walling, Kristen – American University

Total 4

Florida Bound

Galletta, Julia – Jacksonville University
Galletta, Leanne – Florida State University
Kelly, Sean – The University of Tampa

Total 3

Georgia Bound

Barker, Adrian – Morehouse College
Curry, Reid – Emory University
Davros, Ioannis – Savannah College of Art and Design
Greenwald, Eric – Emory University
Hudson, Faith – Spelman College
Sowell, Martin – Morehouse College
Weinberg, Tali – Emory University

Total 7

Illinois Bound

Abramczyk, Michael – Northwestern University
Barnett, Robert – DePaul University
Bauer, Halle – Northwestern University
Cooper, Kristen – Loyola University of Chicago
Dore, Aaron – Roosevelt University
Krumholz, Elyse – Northwestern University
Murphy, Amanda – Northwestern University
Pavlish, Lavinia - Northwestern University
Rigby, Hazel – The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Schnur, Benjamin – Northwestern University

Total 10

Indiana Bound

Boyd, Victoria – Purdue University
Evans, Zoë – Indiana University
Kuehm, Britney – Indiana University at Bloomington
Miller, Lauren – Indiana University

Total 4

Iowa Bound

Motley, Ahmad – Iowa Central Community College

Total 1

Kentucky Bound

Adams, Jasmine – The University of Kentucky
Gorman, Byron – Kentucky State University
Smith, Daniel – The University of Kentucky

Total 3

Maine Bound

Immerman, Jason – Bowdoin College

Total 1

Maryland Bound

Koznarek, Laura – Peabody Conservatory of Music

Laura Koznarek is done with math class forever. She is headed to the Peabody Conservatory of Music to study singing.

"[My goal] is to become an opera singer and sing at the Met," Koznarek said. The Metropolitan Opera is one of the most prestigious companies in the country.

Koznarek, a mezzo soprano, has been singing for six years and was in Shaker's choir and the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus. She looks forward to more vocal training.

"I'm really excited," she said, "[mostly about] all the time to study and work hard on my vocal training."

(Maryland, continued)
Sommers, Katherine – Johns Hopkins University

Total 2

Massachusetts Bound

Connors, Christopher – New England Conservatory
Glazer, Rebecca – Amherst College
Ingley, Alexandria – Simmons College
Kantor, Elizabeth – Emerson College
Kaplan, Celia – Brandeis University
Math, Alex – Harvard University
Mosely, Brittany – Harvard University
Tie, Shan – Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Total 8

Michigan Bound

Kaplan, Emily – University of Michigan
Lesnefsky, Ann – University of Michigan

Total 2

Minnesota Bound

Alford, Dominic – University of Minnesota
Ratner, Sarah – Macalester College
Vitkus, Allison – Carleton College

Total 3

Missouri Bound

Garverick, Susan – Washington University in St. Louis
Grossman-McKee, Morgan – Washington University in St. Louis
Harding, Andrew – Washington University in St. Louis
Weiss, Lauren – Washington University in St. Louis

Total 4

New Hampshire Bound

George, Emily – University of New Hampshire

Total 1

New Jersey Bound

Hemmelgarn, Brandon – Princeton University
Kepner-Kraus, Braeden – Princeton University

Total 2

New York Bound

Ariel, Aviva – Skidmore College
Blanchard, Emily – Barnard College

(New York, continued)
Dibner-Dunlap, Eli – Skidmore College
Engel-Rebitzer, Hannah - Cornell University
Fuller, Sarah – Cornell University
Goodman, Clio – The Culinary Institute of America

Clio Goodman has always been surrounded by food, so she decided to make a career out of her passion and attend The Culinary Institute of America for a degree in pastry.

"My mom loves to cook, my dad loves to cook – as far back as I can remember, there was always cooking around the house," she said.

Goodman's attachment to cooking started when she was young and writing recipes onto cards helped her deal with a learning disability. She decided to focus on pastry because it allows her to "combine my love of art and food."

"One day, I want to open my own business," Goodman said. "A little pastry shop, where I can chill and eat cookies."

Guess, Kathryn – Syracuse University
Harris, Jeffrey – Hamilton College
Hendricks, Kalah - The Art Institute of New York City
Jennings, Alexandra – Syracuse University
Kaufman, Michael – Eastman School of Music
Ledford, Sarah – Vassar College
McDade, Miatta – CornellI University
Mack, Miriam – Columbia University
Moore, Miriam – University of Rochester
Richards, Jackson – University of Rochester
Rucker, Maurice – Syracuse University
Sanford, Geoffrey – Eastman School of Music
Schultz, Drew – New York University
Stout, Abigail – University of Rochester
Sullivan, Alaina – Colgate University
Weinstein, Anna – Barnard College
Williams, Savannah – State University of New York - New Paltz

Total 23

North Carolina Bound

Feeling, Nicole – Duke University
Gabriel, Sarah – Wake Forest University
Muhammad, Rasheed – North Carolina Central University
Prince, Johnathan – North Carolina Central University
Whatley, Christopher - The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Total 5

Ohio Bound

Arellano, Sylvia – John Carroll University
Atkinson, Alexandra – Denison University
Ball, Khali – Kent State University
Ball, Koya – The University of Toledo
Bartholomae, Laura – Ohio Wesleyan University
Benton, Charles – The University of Toledo
Bonthius, Elizabeth – Ohio University

(Ohio, continued)
Brakey, Eric – Ohio University
Brown, Christyn – Cuyahoga Community College
Burgess, Detrich – Bowling Green State University
Cabrera, Stephen – Case Western Reserve University
Carr, Raymond – Baldwin-Wallace College
Clair, Andrew – Kenyon College
Collingwood, Timothy – Cleveland State University
Copeland, Michael – Youngstown State University
Cox, Amanda – Cuyahoga Community College
Crowley, Meagan – Xavier University
Davis, Albertina – Cleveland State University
Davis, Kristine – Cleveland State University
Davis, Meghan – Miami University
Dillard, Nailah – Baldwin-Wallace College
Dimeff, Brittany – Miami University
Eastburn, Laurel – Kent State University
Emory, Anthony – Baldwin-Wallace College
Engram, Mia – Bowling Green State University
Evins, Nathan – Bowling Green State University
Gilbert, Brady – Ohio University
Gobidas, Aaron – ICASI (culinary school)
Grannis, Emily – Ohio University
Greene, Margaret – The University of Toledo
Greksa, Michael – Miami University
Habat, Laura – The College of Wooster
Hall, Anson – Miami University
Harris, Leticia – University of Akron
Hershorin, Benjamin – The University of Cincinnati
Hill, Benjamin – The Ohio State University
Hill, Tiffany – Case Western Reserve University
Hoover, Alexander – Case Western Reserve University
Houston, Carl Jr. – The University of Cincinnati
Hudson, Jonathan – Baldwin-Wallace College
Jackson, Kanisha – Ohio University
Jackson, Kelly – The Ohio State University
Johnson, Jasmine – The University of Toledo
Johnson, Stacy – Cleveland State University
Jones, Alexandria – The University of Akron
Jones, Katy – Bowling Green State University
Jones, Ryan – The University of Toledo
Kelley, Naji – Lakeland Community College
Klodor, Matthew – Ohio University
Knittel, Stephen – The University of Toledo
Kramer, Joshua – The Ohio State University
Krumholz, Robert – The University of Cincinnati
Kulinski, Andrew – Ohio University
Lassiter, Jeremy – Baldwin-Wallace College
Linzie, Kori – Sinclair Community College
Mankowski, Michael – Kent State University
Marshall, Chayla – Bowling Green State University
Martin, Valmond – Central State University
Miller, Samantha – Miami University
Mizer, Emily – Ohio University
Morrison, Tierra – Hiram College
Motley, Reginald – The University of Toledo
Norton, James – The University of Akron
Nyamayedenga, Munashe – Stark State College
Olarte, Jordanna – Case Western Reserve University
Palmer, Tracci – The University of Akron
Parrish, Glynae – Cleveland State University
Persons, Colin – Bowling Green State University

(Ohio, continued)
Persons, Daniel – Bowling Green State University
Petrenko, Alena – Cleveland State University
Pruitt, Marie – Bowling Green State University
Qua, Sarah – Miami University
Qutubuddin, Nayyir - Case Western Reserve University
Rackmill, Brad – Cuyahoga Community College
Rao, Lingzhi – Case Western Reserve University
Reed, James – Ohio Technical College
Reid, Talonzo – The Univeristy of Toledo
Reynolds, Courtney – Bowling Green State University
Rhodes, Bryani – The University of Akron
Rice, Antonese – Hondros College (school for real estate)
Rice, Clark – Lakeland Community College
Robenalt, John – Muskingum College
Robinson, Vaughn – Youngstown State University
Rogers, Antuane – Case Western Reserve University
Rosenblatt, Jacob – Ohio University
Rymond, Michaela – Miami University
Sauerland, Megan – Miami University
Simpson, Richard – The University of Toledo
Skerry, Paul - The Ohio State University
Smith, Christopher – Kent State University
Smith, Dana – Tiffin University
Smith, Erin - John Carroll University
Smith, Kiara – Bowling Green State University
Sparks, Sade – The Ohio State University
Sparks, Samia - The University of Akron
Spiegler, Laura – Kenyon College
Srinivas, Sneha – University of Dayton
Statler, William - Cleveland State University
Stobbe, Edward – The University of Cincinnati
Stout, Alexander – Kent State University
Sudow, Nathaniel – The University of Cincinnati
Sullivan, Shanice – Notre Dame College
Tacastacas, Stephen Neil – John Carroll University
Taylor, Alivia – Central School of Practical Nursing
Taylor, Jasmine – Bowling Green State University
Taylor-Shaut, Daniel – Denison University
Thomas, Monique – The University of Akron
Tolbert, Kanden - The University of Toledo
Wainer, Richard – Miami University
Wang, Qi – The Ohio State University
Weinland, Madeline – Denison University
West, Jasmine – The University of Toledo
Wiggins, Malik – The Ohio State University
Willingham, Desireé – The University of Toledo
Wilson, Amanda – The University of Toledom,,
Wish, David – Miami University

(Ohio, continued)
Woodson, Matthew – Kent State University
Zannoni, Dante – The University of Cincinnati

Total 118

Pennsylvania Bound

Egleton, Nikki – Art Institute of Pittsburgh

After years of "watching too much TV and movies," Nikki Egleton decided there was only one career choice: making films.

"One day I just decided I should make some of this stuff," said Egleton, who will attend the Art Institute of Pittsburgh to concentrate on film next year.

For the senior who made films throughout high school on subjects ranging from forensic science for a biology project to an advertisement for tourism in Cuba as a Spanish assignment, attending the Institute was an easy decision.

"I wanted to get into film," she said. "I wanted to go to Pennsylvania, somewhere in the city . . . I visited them for one weekend and they were really cool."

Farley, Makeda - University of Pennsylvania
Gueye, Sidi – The University of Pittsburgh
Hoffman, Marie – Allegheny College
Moses, Peter – Carnegie Mellon University
Shatten, Julia – University of Pennsylvania
Spielman, James – Duquesne University

Total 7

South Carolina Bound

Gadson, Sean – Benedict College

Total 1

Tennessee Bound

Jackson, Brittany – Tennessee State University

Total 1

Vermont Bound

Elliott, Peter – The University of Vermont
Silver, Mollie – The University of Vermont

Total 2

Virginia Bound

Johnson, Craig – Fork Union Military Academy
Kinter, Lauren – Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Reed, Jack – University of Virginia
Schiller, Jessica – University of Virginia

Total 4

Internationally Bound

Morgenstern, Helen – University of Toronto

(Internationally continued)
O'Halloran, Nathan – McGill University (Montreal)
Oden, DeSean – Royal Northern College of Music (United Kingdom)

Total 3

Military Bound

Hampton, Randell – Air Force
Lyons, Dichelle – Navy (also taking classes at Norfolk State University)

Total 2

Other

Moon, Christina – working in photography/illustration
Pavlik, John – racing cars in Pennsylvania
Soucie, Frank – Touring through Europe for photography

Frank Soucie is heading to Europe this summer to live out a dream – being the photographer for Bouncing Souls, a punk band from the East Coast.

"I started going to shows to help out bands, you know, move stuff around, when I was 11," he said. "Then, one time a guy handed me a camera and said take as many photos as you can. So I did, and they said, 'these are really good, take some more,' and I've been doing it ever since."

Soucie leaves for Europe Aug. 15 for a three-month tour with the band. When that job, which he got through a cousin, is over, he plans to move to New York City.

Story, Evan – playing in a junior hockey league

Total 4

Some of us are ready to hit the road

"After all this stress, angst and money spent, I made an amazing discovery: The college I'm interested in doesn't look at SAT scores." - Miriam Moore, April 29, 2005

"The college application process was nothing but a set of hoops for students to jump through, a set of tricks to perform for the admissions directors." - Miriam Moore, Jan. 31, 2006

MIRIAM MOORE

Here lies the end of my finding-a-college saga. As my faithful readers can recall, I have written several columns regarding my experience with the glorious SATs and my permanently-scarring early decision college deferment. Well, in case you've been waiting to learn the outcome, I'm going to share my final thoughts.

The whole process sucked. Yeah, that pretty much sums it up, but columns generally have a minimum word count. So, here it goes.

That first week in April was tough. I received four rejection letters and one wait-list letter along with a few acceptances. I filled out 10 applications and received only five acceptances. Sure, that sounds like lot, but going to my fifth top choice was not what I had in mind. Newspapers across the country noted the unusually high number of applicants this spring. Basically, more kids than ever applied to college at the same time and applied to more colleges in general. What does this mean? '06 got screwed. OK, OK, so did '05. But I still get to complain because I'm still pissed.

Forget college for the moment. Let's look back at high school. I recently experienced an epiphany - high school doesn't matter.

I am not advocating dropping out of school and considering Wendy's as a lifelong career plan, but looking back I realize that the little things do not matter in the long run. I pulled frequent all-nighters, panicked over tests and nearly cried from the amount of stress. And what do I get? Four rejection letters.

In hindsight, I wish I had enjoyed high school a little more. I had fun with my friends and in extra-curricular activities, but I dreaded waking up every morning knowing that today held the same mindless routine as the day before. For me, high school was a drag. I stared at the clock in nearly every class and watched the seconds tick away. I'm not going to lie and act sad with everyone else about graduation because, honestly, I can't wait to get the hell out of here.

Enough with my ranting. I'm ready to leave right now and I don't want to forget to say goodbye.

Goodbye to math and science. The college I have chosen has no distribution requirements, so I shall never see you again.

Goodbye to the security guard who asks me if I have a pass every single day during my free period. I apologize for walking by 10 times a day just to make you mad.

Goodbye to parallel parking on the oval. I was never able to master you, so hopefully my college has parking lots and no ovals.

Goodbye to my classmates, teammates, club members, friends, enemies and any other random people I may have seen in the last 13 years.

Goodbye class of 2006!

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artist
IT'S KINDA STRANGE.
I MEAN... WE'VE SPENT MOST OF OUR LIVES LIVING WITH OUR PARENTS AND GOING TO SCHOOL ALL DAY, EVERY DAY.
GRADUATING FEELS LIKE THE END OF AN ERA... IN THE FALL I'LL BE LEAVING MY FAMILY, MY FRIENDS, MY HOME...
EVERYTHING'S CHANGING.
WELL LIFE TENDS TO DO THAT. BUT AT LEAST ONE THING WILL NEVER CHANGE.
WHAT?
SHAKER WILL ALWAYS BE OUR HOMETOWN.
Allison Vitkus • The Seniorite

TOP 10 THINGS YOU WON'T MISS:

top 10

10. Having to carry around a little pink piece of paper when you have to pee

9. Being conditioned like Pavlov's dogs to jump up every time you hear a bell

8. Math class

7. Stink bombs during senior prank week

4. Breaking through the firewall to check your email

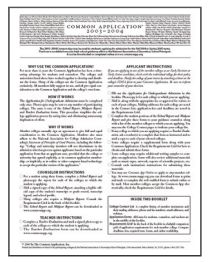
3. Waking up every day for an 8 a.m. class

6. Navigating the battlefields we call hallways

5. Pretending you're in a bumper car when trying to parallel park

2. Seeing the same teachers, sitting in the same chair, learning in the same classroom . . . every single day

1. College applications, college applications and more college applications and more college applications



Missing good-old days

DAVID O'CONNELL

Happy shouts, the clink of a metal bat against a baseball, and scuffles over who gets to play shortstop are few and far between nowadays. I miss the time when I could run out with my friends on a summer afternoon and take over the baseball field, and I hope that tradition will take hold in younger generations.

Pickup games, an unorganized method of playing sports, are becoming more rare in Shaker. Competition between neighbors and friends is when sports are at their best, without politics, parents or rules set by a recreational league.

There once was a time when people couldn't find a vacant field. Now, I look out around the oval and see deserted fields and unused tennis courts during the summer.

This summer, everyone should put down their Playstations and cell phones and enjoy the ballparks that Shaker has to offer. Sports are better off without organization from adults. Students make the game fun because they know how to set rules, create boundaries and even separate teams with equal talent. Pickup games build natural leaders.

For people who can't commit to a team, the sound of a no-commitment pickup game is appealing. It's also a healthy way to have a friendly competitive atmosphere. Maybe organized leagues are a reason kids are burned out before they even reach high school. Kids need to play now and learn intricacies later, because sports should always be fun, whether in a stadium or a sand lot.

Maybe one day I'll come home from college or wherever I happen to be living, and look out of my bedroom window one summer evening to see a whole flock of kids run home to dinner. Now that'd be something to see.

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